2-5. (Canceled)

## Amendments To The Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5 and 8-10.

$1. \ (Currently \ Amended) \ \ An insulation \ composition \ for halogen-free \ automotive \ cables, which$
comprises a matrix resin, 50-200 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of the matrix
resin, of a metal hydroxide flame retardant, and 0.5-20 parts by weight of an antioxidant, in
which the matrix resin consists of 1-80 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin, 1-80 parts by
weight of an ethylene copolymer resin, and $1-20$ parts of a terpolymer of ethylene, acrylic ester
and maleic anhydride, wherein the terpolymer of ethylene, acrylic ester and maleic anhydride
consists of 1 to 80 parts by weight of ethylene, 1 to 50 parts by weight of acrylic ester and 1 to $$
50 parts by weight of maleic anhydride;
wherein the metal hydroxide flame retardant comprises at least one member selected
from the group consisting of aluminum trihydroxide and magnesium dihydroxide;
the polyethylene resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting
of linear low-density polyethylene, low-density polyethylene, medium-density polyethylene and
high-density polyethylene;
the ethylene copolymer resin comprises at least one member selected from the group
consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methyl acrylate and
ethylene butyl acrylate; and
the antioxidant comprising at least one thioester antioxidant;
and a phenolic metal deactivator in an amount of about 0.1 to 3.0 parts by weight based
on 100 parts by weight of the matrix resin.

- 6. (Original) The insulation material of claim 5, wherein the metal hydroxide flame retardant is at least one selected from the group consisting of surface-untreated metal hydroxides, and metal hydroxides whose surface had been treated with silane, amine, stearic acid or fatty acid.
- 7. (Original) The insulation material of claim 5, wherein the metal hydroxide flame retardant has a particle size of 0.5-30  $\mu m$  and a specific surface area (BET) of 3-20 mm.sup.2/g.
- 8-10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Original) The insulation material of claim 1, wherein the composition is not crosslinked.
- 12. (Original) The insulation material of claim 1, wherein the composition is crosslinked to have a three-dimensional network structure.
- 13. (Previously Presented) Automotive cable comprising an insulation material which is made of a halogen-free insulation composition for automotive cables as claim 1.